

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-18 and added claims 19-42.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hyde-Thomson (Patent No. 5,557,659) hereinafter referred to as Hyde.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-18 and added new claims 19-42. New claims 19 include the additional feature where "a switch in [a] set of switches redirects an incoming call signal from a first communications server to a second communications server" based upon the occurrence of a specific condition. This feature is not taught or suggested by Hyde.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested in view of the cancellations and additions made to the claim and of the above discussion.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 4 and 5 and 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hyde.

Applicants have cancelled these claims and submit that the new claims 19-42 are allowable over Hyde for the reasons stated above. Hyde does not suggest the use of nor provide the mechanism for having redundant communications servers.

In view of the foregoing discussion, Applicant submits that the § 103 rejections are overcome. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the § 103 rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION



Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments above prior to initial examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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